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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- ☒ (1) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)  
(within 3 months of filing or prior to mailing of 1<sup>st</sup> Office Action)
- ☐ (2) Certification Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)  
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- ☐ (3) Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)  
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The following are submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98:

- ☒ (5) A list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith.

This paper is submitted in accordance with:

- ☒ (6) 37 CFR 1.97(b) (within 3 months of filing or prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Office Action)
- ☐ (7) 37 CFR 1.97(c) (before Final Office Action or Allowance, whichever is earlier); and
- ☐ (8) The required certification made in item 11 below; or

- ☐ (9) The \$240.00 fee specified in 36 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 14 below.
- ☐ (10) 37 CFR 1.97(d) (before issue fee payment); and
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- ☐ (12) Each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement; or
- ☐ (13) No item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing this document after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.
- ☒ (14) Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. An original and two (2) copies of this document are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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